GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4274
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NON LIFTING OF FOODGRAINS BY ORISSA
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of wheat and rice allocated to Orissa during last year and in the current year;

(b) whether Orissa has not been able to lift the foodgrains allocated to it;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any time limit has been fixed by the Union Government for lifting of the foodgrains;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Union Government, if any, State Government fails to lift the foodgrains?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a) &(b): The quantum of wheat and rice allotted to Government of Orissa and lifted by it during 2000-01 and 2001-02 under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is as under: -

(in`000 tonnes)

Year		Allotment	Offtake
2000-01	Rice	994.562	662.92
	Wheat	102.300	110.22
2001-02	Rice	1040.151	587.046
	Wheat	0.00	0.00

(c): Offtake depends on several factors, the most important being the parity between the Central Issue Prices (CIPs) and the open market prices; availability of foodgrains in the open market; purchasing power of PDS consumes especially those belonging to the below poverty line (BPL) category; quality considerations; and the food habits of the people in different regions of the country.

(d) &(e): Yes, Sir. Under TPDS foodgrains are allotted to the States/UTs for a period of two months with 90 days time for lifting.

(f): If any State Government is not able to lift the allotted foodgrains within the prescribed time limit due to genuine reasons and request is made by it for extension of time limit, it is considered on merits and extension is given in deserving cases.